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1. PRESENCIA OF APRIL 5 CARRIED BANNER HEADLINE STORY OF THE MININFORMATION STATEMENT THAT ON NO LEVEL WITHIN THE FPN, THE GOVERNMENT OR THE ARMED FORCES HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF CALLING ELECTIONS, WITHIN EITHER A SHORT OR MEDIUM TIME FRAME, BEEN CONSIDERED. THE STATEMENT CONTINUED THAT THE TASK OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO LEAD THE COUNTRY TOWARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THAT PREVIOUS YEARS OF DISORDER AND THE NEED FOR A COHERENT APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT PREVENTED THE GOVERNMENT FROM EVEN VAGUELY PERCEIVING THE BASIC CONDITIONS UPON WHICH IT COULD CONSIDER THE CALLING OF ELECTIONS.

2. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER GUTIERREZ CLARIFYING HIS STATEMENT TO THE PRESS IN CARACAS. GUTIERREZ' S STATEMENT SAID THAT THIS IS ALREADY THE MOST BROADLY BASED GOVERNMENT THAT EVER EXISTED, AND THEREFORE ELECTIONS WERE NOT CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE GOVERNMENT. GUTIERREZ ADDED THAT SINCE HE WAS IN THE OPPOSITION FOR SUCH A LONG TIME, HE UNDERSTOOD THE PREOCCUPATION OF SOME GROUPS, AND HE ALSO WISHED THAT

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THERE WOULD BE ELECTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; HOWEVER, HE
MENTIONED
NO TIME FRAME FOR ANY SUCH ELECTIONS.
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